

PROJECT NAME: Gang Prevention Initiative

RECIPIENT: City of Holladay

LOCATION: Holladay, Utah

PURPOSE:

As Utah's larger cities have intensified their efforts to address growing problems with gang-related activities, outlying suburbs and smaller cities have seen a proportional increase in gang activity within their boundaries. Crime statistics in the City of Holladay show a dramatic increase in and higher concentrations of gang activity and gang-related crimes, such as drug sales, assaults, vandalism, and vehicle burglaries over the last two years. Through the aggressive police efforts and actions of the Unified Police District, drug and gang-related problems have been prevented from increasing exponentially. However, the UPD has not been immune from the economic downturn, which has affected communities and regions across the Nation, and, as a result, they've seen cutbacks both in funding and in full-time staff.

The requested funds would be used to purchase and install a system of wireless, portable cameras atop covert poles as a means to first address, and then ultimately deter gang-related crimes in Holladay. Training would be provided to officers in the appropriate utilization of this camera system in order to provide the greatest efficacy in identifying, arresting, and prosecuting perpetrators of gang-related crimes. These cameras will also make some progress in helping to offset the loss of full-time law enforcement positions by functioning as watchful eyes in multiple locations all day and night.

AMOUNT: \$173,185